

Royalton Selectboard
Knight's Opera House

May 11, 2010

Public Present: Stuart Levasseur, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Peter Vetere, Sarah McGuire, Scott Walton, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

Selectboard Present: Peg Trombly, Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Ernie Amsden
And Joan Goldstein

Chairman L. Trottier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Highway Department

Backhoe

Road Foreman McCrillis reported that the town of Tunbridge was interested in purchasing the Case Backhoe when the town purchases a new backhoe. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant Cleveland contact the VLCT and inquire on the possibility of selling equipment to another municipality without soliciting competitive bids.

Carpenter Gravel Pit

Road Foreman McCrillis reported that the discontinued portion of the gravel pit on Gilman Rd. has been reclaimed and seeded and the engineering report

Driveway Access Permit Application #10-01

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to approve driveway permit application #10-01 with the condition that the current driveway be discontinued upon completion of the new driveway. The motion passed unanimously.

Excess Weight Permit

The Selectboard reviewed excess weight permit applications received from Royal Trail Works, W.B. Rogers, and Roni Johnson.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to approve the excess weight permit applications for Royal Trail Works, W.B. Rogers, and Roni Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss Ballou Road

Chairman Trottier reported on the disputed location of the Bloss Ballou Road that the Vermont supreme court has ruled to be a public class 4 road. The exact location of the beginning portion of the road from the intersection of Post Farm Road continuing south is in question, and needs to be surveyed. The Hodgdon's are asking that the surveyor who surveyed the road for the town's legal case not be used. Discussion ensued on which surveying company the town would hire to verify the center monument of the Bloss Ballou Road at the intersection of Post Farm Road. It was noted that the board felt that

continuing to utilize the services of Lisa Ginnet would eliminate a lot of researching that has already been performed as she is familiar with the road and has surveyed a portion of the road for the town's legal case.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to hire Lisa Ginnet to survey the portion of the Bloss Ballou Road that begins at the intersection of Post Farm road and continues to the so called wire fence as described in the Supreme Court ruling.

Crawford Pit

McCrillis reported that some gravel material has been removed from the Crawford pit.

Paving

McCrillis reported that he has requested paving quotes from Blaktop Inc. and Pike Industries for paving on Dairy Hill. He also reported that Administrative Assistant Cleveland will be submitting a grant application for this project.

Drainage along the Hope Property

Scott Walton was present to discuss drainage issues behind the Journey Church and runs along the Town owned "hope property". He noted that the railroad fixed a portion of the drainage and did not continue past the brook, and water is still being trapped. Mr. Walton noted that water is undermining the railroad tracks by the green valley apartments is resulting in stagnant water. He proposed that a dry well be dug with drainage pipe be placed to allow the water to drain into the gravel that is 6-8 feet below the surface of the ground.

Signs

Road Foreman McCrillis is working with the Police Department to identify signs that need to be replaced. Signs and posts cost roughly \$100.00 per set.

Grants

Administrative Assistant Cleveland reported that he has submitted a grant application for the amount of \$150,000.00 to go towards the work needed on the "wing wall" on Mill Road. He also noted that when quotes are received for the paving on dairy hill he would be submitting a grant to cover the cost of that project.

Minutes of April 27, 2010

PA?? made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Department

The Selectboard reviewed the letter responding to Town Agent Frank Berk's comments on the proposed contract for engineering services associated with the upcoming sewer study that will identify necessary capital improvements.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to approve the contract agreement with Forcier Aldrich & Associates. The motion passed unanimously.

Revolving Loan Fund

J. Goldstein read the minutes reflecting the Revolving Loan Fund Committee's recommendation to approve the loan application received from Black Grape Inc. (Crossroads Bar and Grill). It was noted that the loan is to help pay for a portion of a sprinkler system that is required by the State Fire Marshal. The estimated cost of the project is \$30,000.00 and per the guidelines of the revolving loan fund only half of the project cost (\$15,000.00) is being requested.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to accept the revolving loan fund application for Black Grape in the amount of \$15,000.00 at an interest rate set a 5.25% for a term on five (5) years, contingent upon a second mortgage being placed on the entire property (Crossroads Bar and Grill) owned by Black Grape Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

Jo reported that the Planning Commission passed a motion to recommend that the town continue to be involved with the Act 250 appeal process.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein move into enter executive session to discuss executive session. P. Ainsworth voted against the motion. E. Amsden, P. Gates and J. Goldstein voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

E. Amsden asked that L. Trottier recues himself from the discussion due to the fact that he owns land abutting the property involved in the Act 250 appeal. L. Trottier chose to recues himself from the discussion and left the meeting as the remainder of the Selectboard, Planning Commission members Jo Levasseur, and Jerry Barclow remained to discuss potential litigation concerning Times and Season's Act 250 appeal.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 8:10 p.m. The Selectboard exited executive session at 9:17 p.m. with no action taken.

Request to reserve parking spaces

The P0lice Department received a request from the Association of Rebekah Assemblies to reserve three parking spaces on Chelsea Street for their annual state meeting that will take place on May 22, 2010.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to approve the request from the Association of Rebekah Assemblies to reserve three (3) parking spaces on Chelsea St. on May 22, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Request to use the South Royalton Village Green

The Selectboard was asked by the South Royalton High School graduating class to use the South Royalton Village Green on June 12, 2010 for commencement exercises. A tent

will be placed on the green on June 10, or 11 and will remain on the green until June 14 at the latest.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to approve the request from the graduating South Royalton High School class to use the South Royalton Village Green for the 2010 South Royalton High School commencement exercises. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Town Office Building

The Selectboard discussed the time frame for submitting a loan application to the USDA Rural Development to fund the proposed town office building on South Windsor Street.

Bond Resolution

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to adopt a resolution that the public interest and necessity demand that certain public improvements be made, viz: the construction of a municipal office building, at an estimated cost not to exceed Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00); and

Be it further resolved, that the cost of completing said public improvements will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Town; and

Be it further resolved, that a proposal for providing such improvement and the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes, of the Town of Royalton in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00), to pay for its costs of the same should be submitted to the legal voters of the Town at a special meeting thereof to be duly called and held on June 29, 2010; and

Be it further resolved, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligations bonds of the Town of Royalton for the purpose of financing such improvements, as well as the maintenance and operation of financing such improvements within the corporate limits of the Town, be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated;

Be it further resolved, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot be adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness.

Chairman Trottier called the motion to a vote. E. Amsden and P. Gates opposed the motion J. Goldstein and P. Ainsworth voted in favor of the motion. L. Trottier voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Bond Warning and Ballot

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth approve the warning and ballot for a special meeting to be held on June 29, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to vote on a bond not to exceed \$975,000.00 for the purpose of financing the Town's share of making certain public improvements, viz; construction of a new municipal office building, such improvements estimated to not exceed the cost of Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00). A special informational hearing will be held on June 22, 2010 to discuss said project.

Chairman Trottier called the motion to a vote.

P. Gates and E. Amsden opposed the motion and J. Goldstein and P. Ainsworth voted in favor of the motion. L. Trottier voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Town Clerk and Treasurers Office

The Selectboard noted that the Town Clerk has received a quote of \$19.95 per month from FP Mailing Solutions to provide mailing services. This quote is less expensive than the current lease agreement with Pitney Bowes. The Town Treasurer is working on changing telephone providers and estimates a savings of \$1,700.00 by switching from Fairpoint Communications to Charter Communications which also provides the town with internet service.

J. G made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates motion to authorize the Town clerk to contract with the mailing service company that she recommends and authorize the Treasurer to contract with the phone company of her choosing. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Nathan P. Cleveland